Guidelines for issuing permits

†2420. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the guidelines and rules/regulations fixed by the Central Government for issuing permits to public and private sector industries and organizations;

(b) the rate per metric tonne in rupees fixed for the coal extracted so far in the current financial year;

(c) the company-wise details of the complaints/information received against the coal permits issued in contravention of guidelines and rules/ regulations as on date; and

(d) the action taken so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) Presently, there is no system of issuing coal permit to any consumer.

(b) There is no fixed rate for extraction of coal from the mines and it varies from mine to mine depending upon various factors *viz.* nature of coal seems, technology employed, deployment of man power, investment made in particular mine etc.

(c) and (d) Do not arise in view of reply to part (a) above.

Revision of coal royalty rates

†2421. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that royalty for mining coal has not been revised for the last five years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Twelfth Finance Commission has recommended that calculation of royalty may be done at par; and

(c) by when Government would take decision in this regard?

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